UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF VERMONT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA) CRIMINAL ACTION NO. 5:20-cr-29-1
VS.)
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MICHAEL A. GONZALEZ,)
Defendant.)

CHANGE OF PLEA Friday, January 8, 2021 Burlington, Vermont

BEFORE:

THE HONORABLE GEOFFREY W. CRAWFORD, Chief District Judge

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1 Friday, January 8, 2021
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        (The following was held via videoconference at 3:08 PM.)
            COURTROOM DEPUTY HOWE: This is case number 20-CR-29,
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 4 United States of America vs. Michael Gonzalez. Present for the
 5 Government is Assistant U.S. Attorney John Boscia, and present
 6 by videoconference is Attorney Karen Shingler; the defendant is
7 present by video from Northwest Correctional Facility; and the
8 matter before the Court is a change of plea.
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            THE COURT: All right. Afternoon. Good to see
10 everybody.
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           MR. BOSCIA: Afternoon.
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            THE COURT: I would say for the record that I know Mr.
13 Gonzalez well enough at this point to recognize him and to
14 confirm that he is appearing on the screen.
       And also, Mr. Gonzalez, we'll talk for just a second about
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16 the video appearance. Do you understand that although you're
17 appearing by video, that you have every right to appear in
18 court in person at this hearing and at every other stage of the
19 case?
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           THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I do.
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            THE COURT: And did you talk over your decision with
22 Ms. Shingler to appear by video today?
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            THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I have.
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            THE COURT: Do you understand that if you have a
25 question or something you want to tell her privately as her --
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1 you know, as her client, that you have only to let me know and 2 we'll set up a private line of communication either by phone or 3 by video so you can talk to her? 4 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I do. 5 All right. I'll join you in the decision THE COURT: 6 to appear by video. It's permitted by Congress, by the rules $7 \mid \text{of the judiciary at the national level and also this district,}$ 8 and I'll make the finding it's in the interest of justice in 9 light of the health emergency to proceed in this fashion. My understanding today is that -- Ms. Shingler, is that 11 Mr. Gonzalez intends to plead quilty to the charge of making a 12 false statement in connection with the attempted acquisition of 13 a firearm and that the parties have agreed that he will be 14 released on conditions today, sent home, and that we'll 15 schedule a sentencing and, if all goes well between now and 16 then, that the Government will recommend a time-served 17 sentence. Is that how you understand things? 18 19 MS. SHINGLER: Yes, Judge. And thank you very much 20 for fitting us in this afternoon. THE COURT: Of course. 21 22 MS. SHINGLER: Things have transpired very, very

MS. SHINGLER: Things have transpired very, very
quickly between myself and Mr. Boscia over the course -- we
were facing some deadlines that are popping up as soon as next
Monday to prepare for the bench trial. I had subpoenas ready

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1 to go out, and I think with those deadlines looming, the
 2 parties were motivated to resolve this case. Quite frankly, I
 3 was looking forward to trying the case. Unlike many other
 4 trials in federal court, I thought I had a shot. But I think
 5 that this is in my client's best interest. I think it's an
 6 appropriate resolution. Like I said, I thank you very much for
 7 fitting us in, and we are prepared to proceed as the Court
 8 noted.
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            THE COURT: Great. All right.
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        Is that how you understand the state of things, Mr.
11 Gonzalez, yourself?
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            THE DEFENDANT: Yes, it is.
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            THE COURT: Okay. And, Mr. Boscia, that's how you
14 understand it as well?
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           MR. BOSCIA: It is, your Honor.
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            THE COURT: All right.
            MR. BOSCIA: And just to be clear, the Government was
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18 also ready for -- was looking forward to a bench trial in front
19 of your Honor, but this resolution does serve the interest of
20 justice.
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            THE COURT: All right. Well, I would have been glad
22 to have done it. I sort of prefer the jury trial, but those
23 aren't very practical right now, and it would have been a
24 pleasure to see both of you in action, but this sounds like a
25 | happy resolution for Mr. Gonzalez because the recommendation of
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1 a time-served sentence from the Government carries weight.
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       All right. Let me turn to the change of plea. I need to
 3 ask you a series of questions, Mr. Gonzalez, and I do it to
 4 make certain that your rights are protected and your plea is
 5 voluntary. What we say is recorded, so just as you have been
 6 doing, I know you'll answer aloud "yes" or "no," whatever the
7 question -- the right answer is.
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        If you don't understand what I'm asking or some other part
9 of this proceeding, just say so. It's my job to take time to
10 explain your rights fully. It's important that you understand
11 what I'm asking you and everything else that you hear said
12 today.
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       And as I said at the outset, if at any time you wish to
14 speak privately with Ms. Shingler, with your attorney, just say
15 so. We'll take a break and put the two of you in touch.
       Do you understand what I've said so far?
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            THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I do.
            THE COURT: At this time I'm going to ask that you be
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19 placed under oath. Do you understand that if you make a
20|statement today which is not true, that the statement could be
21 used against you in a prosecution for perjury or for making a
22 false statement?
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            THE DEFENDANT:
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           THE COURT: And we'll swear the defendant in.
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COURTROOM DEPUTY HOWE: Mr. Gonzalez, would you raise

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1 your right hand.
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        (The defendant was sworn.)
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            THE COURT: Would you state your full name for the
 4 record.
            THE DEFENDANT: Michael Anthony Gonzalez.
            THE COURT: And, Mr. Gonzalez, how far have you gone
 7 in school?
            THE DEFENDANT: Some college at the University of
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 9 Vermont.
            THE COURT: And since leaving college, what type of
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11 employment have you followed, mainly?
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            THE DEFENDANT: I've worked for the Vermont Department
13 of Motor Vehicles, mostly charity work finding vehicles for
14 low-income Vermonters for the past 12 years.
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            THE COURT: Okay. Like what Good News Garage does,
16 that sort of thing?
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            THE DEFENDANT: Yes. I purchase a lot of their cars.
            THE COURT: Okay. And do you speak and understand
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19 English as your native language?
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            THE DEFENDANT: English.
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            THE COURT: And are you a U.S. citizen?
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            THE DEFENDANT: I can't hear you.
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            THE COURT: Are you a U.S. citizen?
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            THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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            THE COURT: Have you recently been hospitalized or
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1 treated for drug addiction?
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            THE DEFENDANT: No.
            THE COURT: Have you taken any drugs or medicine or
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 4 pills or consumed alcohol within the last 24 hours?
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            THE DEFENDANT: No.
            THE COURT: Do you feel that you have a clear
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 7 understanding of this change of plea proceeding?
            THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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            THE COURT: Does counsel for the Government or the
10 defense have any doubt as to Mr. Gonzalez's competence to enter
11 a valid plea?
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            MR. BOSCIA: Not from the Government, your Honor.
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           MS. SHINGLER: No, your Honor.
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            THE COURT: Appreciate it.
        I received a copy of the proposed plea agreement. Mr.
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16 Gonzalez, are you fully satisfied with the counsel,
17 representation, advice given to you in this case by your
18 attorney, Karen Shingler?
            THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Judge.
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            THE COURT: Did you have an opportunity to read and
21 talk over the plea agreement with her before you signed it?
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            THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I did.
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            THE COURT: Were you able to speak in a confidential
24 setting where you felt free to ask her any questions that were
25 on your mind?
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            THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I did.
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            THE COURT: Was she able to answer all your questions?
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            THE DEFENDANT: Yes, she did.
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            THE COURT: At the end of that discussion, did you
 5 yourself sign the plea agreement?
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            THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I did.
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            THE COURT: And does the plea agreement represent the
 8 complete understanding you have with the prosecution?
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            THE DEFENDANT: Yes, it does.
            THE COURT: Is there any further outside agreement
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11∥with the Government which isn't written down in the plea
12 agreement?
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           THE DEFENDANT: No, there is not.
            THE COURT: And we've talked about the terms. Do you
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15 feel that you fully understand the terms of the plea agreement
16 yourself?
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           THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I do.
            THE COURT: Do you understand it's an open plea
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19 agreement that contains no limit on the length of the sentence
20 other than it not exceed the length allowed by law but that the
21 Government has agreed to recommend a time-served sentence?
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            THE DEFENDANT: I do understand.
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            THE COURT: Has anyone made a promise or an assurance
24 to you that's not contained in the plea agreement to persuade
25 you to accept it?
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            THE DEFENDANT:
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            THE COURT: Has anyone made a threat against you to
  persuade you to accept this agreement?
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            THE DEFENDANT:
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            THE COURT: Do you understand, as I said, that the
 6 terms of the plea agreement contain no limit on the length of
  any sentence other than, of course, that it not exceed the
8 length allowed by law?
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            THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
            THE COURT: Ms. Shingler, were all formal plea offers
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11 from the Government conveyed to Mr. Gonzalez?
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           MS. SHINGLER: Yes, Judge.
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            THE COURT: Mr. Gonzalez, do you understand that the
14 offense to which you're pleading guilty is a felony; that if
15 your plea's accepted, you will be convicted of that felony; and
16 that conviction may deprive you of important civil rights in
17 the future, many of them dependent on whatever state you live
18 in, but these may include the right to vote, the right to hold
19 public office, the right to sit on a jury, and the right to
20 possess any kind of firearm?
            THE DEFENDANT: I understand.
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            THE COURT: Do you understand that the maximum penalty
23 provided by law for the offense is up to ten years of
24 imprisonment, up to three years of supervised release, up to a
25 $250,000 fine, and a $100 special assessment?
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1 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Judge. 2 THE COURT: I need to tell you that your sentence will 3 be determined by a combination of advisory sentencing 4 quidelines, possible authorized departures from those 5 quidelines, and other statutory sentencing factors. Have you 6 and Ms. Shingler talked about how these guidelines might apply to your case? THE DEFENDANT: Yes. 8 9 THE COURT: Do you understand that the Court can't 10 determine the guideline range for your case until after a 11 presentence report has been completed and you and the 12 Government have had a chance to challenge the facts and the 13 application of the guidelines recommended in the report and 14 that the sentence ultimately imposed may be different from any 15 estimate your attorney or anyone else may have given you? THE DEFENDANT: Yes. 16 THE COURT: Do you understand that after your 17 18 quideline range has been determined, the Court has the 19 authority in some circumstances to depart upwards or downwards 20 from that range and will also consider other factors under the 21 sentencing law that may result in a sentence that's either 22 greater or lesser than the advisory guideline sentence? 23 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. 24

THE COURT: Do you understand that parole has been abolished in the federal system, that if you're sentenced to

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1 prison, you'll not be released partway through your sentence on
  parole, as frequently happens in state sentencing systems?
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            THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
            THE COURT: Do you understand that under some
 5 circumstances you or the prosecution may have the right to
 6 appeal any sentence that I impose?
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            THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
            THE COURT: I'm going to change subjects, talk to you
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 9 about your trial rights. These are important constitutional
10 protections which are available to protect people at the time
11∥of their trial. And you have those rights now, but when you
12 plead guilty, you give up your trial and, in effect, give up
13∥these trial rights at the same time. That's why we talk about
14 them before you plead quilty.
       Do you understand first that you have every right to plead
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16 not guilty to the offense charged against you and to take the
17 case to trial?
           THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Judge.
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            THE COURT: Do you understand that you would then have
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20 the right to a trial in front of a jury?
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            THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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            THE COURT: Do you understand that if you -- that all
23 members of the jury would have to agree that you were guilty
24 before you could be found -- before you could be convicted?
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            THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I do.
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THE COURT: Do you understand you'd have the right to
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 2 participate in choosing jury members from members of the larger
 3 community?
            THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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            THE COURT: Do you understand at trial you'd be
 6 presumed to be innocent; the Government would have to prove you
  guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in order to obtain a
 8 conviction?
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            THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
            THE COURT: Do you understand you'd have the right to
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11 the assistance of an attorney in your defense, appointed by the
12 Court if necessary, at trial and at every other stage of the
13 case?
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            THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
            THE COURT: Do you understand that you'd have the
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16 right to see and hear all the witnesses and to have them
17 cross-examined in your defense?
            THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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            THE COURT: Do you understand that you'd have the
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20 right to decline to testify unless you voluntarily decided to
21 testify in your own case?
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            THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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            THE COURT: Do you understand you would have that
24 right to testify and to put on your own evidence?
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            THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I do.
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THE COURT: And do you understand you'd also have the
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 2 right to compel witnesses to come to court and testify in your
 3 case?
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           THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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           THE COURT: In other words, do you understand that at
 6 a trial you could put on your own witnesses, your own
  testimony, and your own evidence?
            THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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            THE COURT: Do you understand that if a witness didn't
10 wish to come, the Court could order him or her to come and
11 testify anyway?
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            THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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            THE COURT: Do you understand that if you decided not
14 to testify or not to put on any evidence on your own, that that
15 decision would not be used against you at trial?
            THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I do.
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            THE COURT: Do you understand that nobody could force
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18 you to testify because you have a privilege against
19 incriminating yourself?
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           THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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            THE COURT: Do you understand that if you were found
22 guilty after a trial, you could appeal your conviction to a
23 higher court?
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           THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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           THE COURT: Do you understand that by entering a plea
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24 prove at trial.

1 of quilty, there will be no trial and you'll have waived or 2 given up your right to a trial as well as those other rights 3 associated with a trial which I've just described? THE DEFENDANT: Yes. THE COURT: Do you understand that at trial the 6 Government would have to prove the essential elements of the 7∥offense of making a false statement in connection with the 8 attempted acquisition of a firearm from a licensed dealer 9 beyond a reasonable doubt? And these elements are as follows: 11 One, the defendant purchased or attempted to purchase a 12 firearm from a licensed dealer; two, the defendant made an oral 13 or written statement to that dealer in connection with that 14 purchase; three, the statement was false; four, the defendant 15 made the statement knowing it was false; five, the statement 16 was material to the lawfulness of the sale of the firearm; and 17 six, the false statement was intended or likely to deceive the 18 dealer. Do you understand that those are the legal elements of the 20 offense? THE DEFENDANT: Yes. 22 THE COURT: Will the prosecution provide a 23 representation of the facts the Government would be prepared to

25 MR. BOSCIA: I would, your Honor. If I may just go 7

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1 back to one small piece of the colloquy thus far. I think 2 everybody is aware of it, but one promise or agreement is that 3 the Government will not oppose Mr. Gonzalez's release on 4 conditions. That's not in the plea agreement. I just want to 5 make sure that that's on the record, that everyone understands that.

> THE COURT: Appreciate that. Yes. Thank you.

MR. BOSCIA: As far as the factual basis for the plea, 9 the Government states as follows:

On August 26, 2019, Michael A. Gonzalez was arraigned by 11 Judge David Fenster in Chittenden County Superior Court on a 12 charge of first-degree aggravated domestic assault with a 13 weapon, in violation of 13 VSA, Section 1043(a)(2). During the 14 arraignment, Michael A. Gonzalez was provided with a copy of 15 the charging information, which stated that the penalty for a 16 violation of 13 VSA, Section 1043(a)(2), was not more than 15 17 years of imprisonment.

On September 23rd, 2019, Michael A. Gonzalez attempted to 19 purchase a Ruger Security 9-millimeter caliber pistol from a 20 federally licensed dealer in Williston, Vermont. As part of 21 the attempted purchase, Gonzalez completed an ATF Form 4473. $22 \parallel \text{On}$ the ATF Form 4473, Gonzalez falsely stated that he was not 23 under indictment or information in any way for a felony for 24 which the judge could imprison him for more than one year. 25 Gonzalez provided the ATF Form 4473 containing the false

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1 statement to the firearms dealer, who submitted the information
  to the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System.
 3 The initial response from the NICS was "delay." Gonzalez never
  obtained the Ruger pistol.
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        Thank you.
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            THE COURT: Thanks.
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        Mr. Gonzalez, has the Government accurately described the
 8 offense and your role in it?
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            THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
            THE COURT: Do you disagree with any portion of the
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11 Government's description of your conduct?
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            THE DEFENDANT: No.
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            THE COURT: Do you intend to plead guilty because
14 you're in fact guilty of the charge against you?
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            THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Judge.
            THE COURT: How do you plead to the sole count of the
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17 indictment, the charge of making a false statement in
18 connection with the attempted acquisition of a firearm from a
19 licensed dealer: quilty or not quilty?
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            THE DEFENDANT: Guilty.
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            THE COURT: It's the finding of the Court in the case
22 of United States vs. Michael Gonzalez that the defendant is
23 fully competent, capable of entering an informed plea; that
24 he's aware of the nature of the charges, the consequences of
25 the plea; the plea of guilty is a knowing and voluntary plea
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1 supported by an independent basis in fact containing each of
 2 the essential elements of the offense. The plea is therefore
 3 accepted, and the defendant is adjudged guilty of that offense.
        We'll set a sentencing date in a moment. Do we have a
 5 sentencing date now?
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            COURTROOM DEPUTY HOWE: It is Tuesday, May 11th, at
 7 1:30.
            THE COURT: Between now and May, a presentence report
 9 will be prepared by the Probation Office to assist the judge in
10 sentencing. You'll be asked to give information for the
11 report, and your attorney may be present for any interview if
12 you wish.
        The Court will permit you and Ms. Shingler to read the
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14 report and file any objections to the report before the
15 | hearing. At the hearing you and Ms. Shingler will both have an
16 opportunity to speak on your behalf.
        And I'll refer the case to the Probation Office for a
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18 presentence investigation and report.
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        We set a sentencing date already.
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        We'll take up the question of pretrial release, which I
21 understand the parties agree to.
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        Did you have, Mr. Boscia, anything more to add on that
23 point?
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           MR. BOSCIA: Only two small points, your Honor.
25 Number one, Mr. Gonzalez has been detained for quite some time.
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1 Length of his detention is approaching his anticipated
 2 guidelines range. The chance for release on conditions prior
 3 to his sentencing is an opportunity really for Mr. Gonzalez to
 4 show the Court that he has earned a time-served sentence at the
 5 time of sentencing.
            THE COURT: Good. I saw it the same way.
            MR. BOSCIA: And as far as the conditions of release,
 8 they were prepared by the Probation Office. I had e-mailed
 9 them just before the hearing. I'm just asking that one
10 \mid \text{additional name could be added to the Condition (8)(j) as far}
11 as the individuals with whom Mr. Gonzalez should not have
12 contact. That additional name is Amanda Carrassi, and that's
13 been mentioned to the Probation Office as well.
            THE COURT: Okay.
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            MR. BOSCIA: Thank you.
            THE COURT: Ms. Shingler, anything to add to the
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17 question of release?
            MS. SHINGLER: No, Judge. I recently received a copy
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19 of the proposed conditions of release, I had an opportunity
20 very briefly to speak with my client about them, and I had been
21 made aware by an e-mail from Mr. Boscia that he intended to
22 request the additional name of Amanda Carrassi as a person that
23 the defendant should not have contact with, and my client does
24 not oppose the request.
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            THE COURT: All right. And the same as to Kelsey
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Clain?
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            THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
            THE COURT: Is Kelsey the mother of the child that
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 4 they have in common?
            MS. SHINGLER: Yes. And Kelsey -- it is possible,
 6 Judge, that I may at some point in the future ask the Court to
7 modify that condition of release to permit them to have sort of
8 contact. She has had the relief from abuse order dismissed.
 9 However, the state charge remains pending, and he does have a
10 no-contact condition with her in that case.
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           THE COURT: Right.
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           MS. SHINGLER: She is currently in residential
13 treatment, however, so we have no problem with that at this
14 time.
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            THE COURT: Okay. And while we're on that topic, no
16 state detainer? He's able to go home tonight?
           MS. SHINGLER: Correct.
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            THE COURT: Good. Okay.
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       And I was going to take these two names up with you
20 directly, Mr. Gonzalez. Do you understand that you can have no
21 contact -- that would even include, you know, text, phone call,
22 running into each other, contact initiated by Ms. Clain or Ms.
23 Carrassi, doesn't matter how it happens, that you can't have
24 contact with those two?
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            THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir, I understand.
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THE COURT: All right. So if you were in Price
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 2 Chopper and you saw them in the vegetable section, what would
 3 you do?
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           THE DEFENDANT: I would leave immediately.
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                       There you go. Okay. I just put it out
           THE COURT:
 6 there so there's not any misunderstanding.
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           THE DEFENDANT: Okay.
           THE COURT: You know, it's not that -- doesn't matter
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 9 who was there first or what errand you're on. If you see them,
10 just turn and go in the other direction and we'll call it good.
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           THE DEFENDANT: One good thing about being detained is
12 you have no problem avoiding contact. You're following orders
13 after you've been detained for so long.
           THE COURT: Yeah, right. You kind of get -- a person
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15 gets kind of used to it.
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           THE DEFENDANT: Um-hum.
           THE COURT: And where are you going to go to live?
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           THE DEFENDANT: Spruce Street in Burlington.
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19 arranged to stay at -- as approved through Pretrial Services.
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           THE COURT: Okay. With a roommate or friend or
21 something?
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           THE DEFENDANT: It's my own place.
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           THE COURT: Oh, it's your own place already. Good.
24 Okay. Like Spruce and St. Paul, like there?
           MS. SHINGLER: It's 119 Spruce Street, Judge. I know
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1 you're familiar with the area.
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            THE COURT: Right.
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           MS. SHINGLER: I think it's up on the hill.
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            THE COURT: Oh, okay. Okay.
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           MS. SHINGLER: You may bump into him.
            THE COURT: It would be a pleasure, and I'll shake his
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7 hand if I see him. I would be very glad to see Mr. Gonzalez.
8 I live not too far from there.
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       All right. So I will release you on the conditions that
10 are agreed to. You'll get them in writing. I think you're
11 going to come in Monday and meet with Ms. Lapierre.
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       Is that the plan, Ms. Lapierre?
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           MS. LAPIERRE: Yes, your Honor. It won't be myself,
14 but there will be a duty officer that he can meet with to
15 review conditions and go over things at the Probation Office on
16 Monday.
           THE COURT: Perfect. All right. And while I've got
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18 you on unmute, anything else that we need to cover with Mr.
19 Gonzalez on his pretrial release?
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           MS. LAPIERRE: No. Just as long as he knows to go to
21 Probation on Monday to check in, I think we're all set.
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            THE COURT: Okay.
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           COURTROOM DEPUTY LANE: Judge Crawford?
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           THE COURT: Yes.
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           COURTROOM DEPUTY LANE: We have pending motions of
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1 counsel that need to be withdrawn.
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            THE COURT: Oh, appreciate it.
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       Ms. Shingler, I'll turn the floor over to you.
           MS. SHINGLER: Right. We -- we had a motion hearing
 5 that we kind of deferred because my client decided against a
 6\parallel jury trial for a bench trial. To the extent that they remain
7 pending, we withdraw them as moot.
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            THE COURT: All right. Does the Government have any
 9 motions in limine pending?
           MR. BOSCIA: I believe we do, your Honor, and the
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11 Government would withdraw those pending motions in limine as
12 well.
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           THE COURT: Okay. All right.
           MR. BOSCIA: Your Honor, if I may ask, will Mr.
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15 Gonzalez sign the conditions of release at the jail prior to
16 his release today, or is that expected to happen --
            THE COURT: He's nodding, so I think there's a plan
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18 that -- are they there, Mr. Gonzalez? You're able to do that
19 at the facility?
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           THE DEFENDANT: I think they're getting them right now
21 for me to -- I'll try to sign them immediately as soon as they
22 get here.
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            THE COURT: Perfect. Okay.
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           MR. BOSCIA: Thank you.
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           THE COURT: All right. I know you've got some
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1 paperwork to do with the jail, so I'll close the hearing, tell
2 you I look forward to seeing you in May. I was thinking the
 3 same thing that Mr. Boscia was, that it gives you a really good
 4 \parallel opportunity to get back to employment, to stay out of trouble,
 5 and to really put your best foot forward, which I know you'll
 6 do, and I'll welcome that. Okay?
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            THE DEFENDANT: Okay.
            THE COURT: All right. Good enough. Thanks.
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            THE DEFENDANT: Thank you.
           MS. SHINGLER: Everybody have a nice weekend, and
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11 thank you again, Judge and Pam. I appreciate everyone working
12 with me.
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           THE COURT: Yes. Glad to do it. All right. See you
14 guys soon. Thanks for the help.
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           MR. BOSCIA: Thank you, your Honor.
        (Court was in recess at 3:32 PM.)
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       I certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript from
21 the record of proceedings in the above-entitled matter.
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